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1. REFTEL A REQUESTS INFORMATION CONCERNING PRC PARTICIPATION IN ICJ ELECTIONS AND IMPORTANCE OF APPROACH TO PRC ON THIS ISSUE BEFORE MAKING APPROACH TO MFA ON PROFESSOR BAXTER'S NOMINATION.

2. IN ORDER TO BE ELECTED TO THE ICJ, A CANDIDATE MUST RECEIVE A MAJORITY OF VOTES IN BOTH THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE SECURITY COUNCIL. AS THERE ARE ONLY 15 VOTES IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE U.S. CANDIDATE HAVE THE SUPPORT OF THE PRC.

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3. ALTHOUGH BALLOTING IS SECRET, OUR FILES REVEAL THAT 15 BALLOTS WERE CAST IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL IN THE 1975 ICJ ELECTIONS, INDICATING THAT THE PRC DID PARTICIPATE IN THE VOTING.

4. ACCORDINGLY, ALTHOUGH REFTEL B ORIGINALLY WAS SENT TO USLO FOR INFORMATION ONLY, WE BELIEVE THAT YOU SHOULD MAKE

APPROACH CONTAINED THEREIN. CHRISTOPHER

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